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SUBJECT: GATT REVIEW IMPORT DEPOSIT SCHEMES OF ITALY AND
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1. MUELLER OF MFA COMMENTED RE SUBSTANCE REFTEL THAT TO
HIS KNOWLEDGE ONLY THE ITALIAN MEASURES WERE INSCRIBED ON GATT
COUNCIL AGENDA, AND THAT ADDITION OF SOUTH AFRICA COULD BE
DELICATE POINT. HE SAID THAT MINISTRY UNDERSTOOD THAT AGENDA
ITEM WAS LIKELY TO BE ROUTINE. WHILE GOF HAS BROADLY SUPPORTED
US EFFORTS IN CONSULTATIVE GROUP OF 18 TO IMPROVE BOP
COMMITTEE RULES AND PROCEDURES, GOF COULD NOT TAKE A LEADING
ROLE IN COUNCIL DISCUSSION OF HANDLING OF ITALIAN AND SOUTH
AFRICAN SCHEMES. (FYI: MUELLER SAID "OFF THE RECORD" THAT
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SINCE FINLAND IS ONLY COUNTRY WHOSE DEPOSIT SCHEME HAS

BEEN REVIEWED FINNS WOULD FIND IT UNPLEASANT TO PRESS TOO
HARD FOR ADDITIONAL REVIEWS OF OTHER COUNTRIES.)

2. EMBOFF ASSURED MUELLER IT WAS CLEAR FROM INSTRUCTIONS
THAT SUBSTANTIVE RATHER THAN "ROUTINE" DISCUSSION WOULD
DEVELOP AT COUNCIL MEETING. MUELLER UNDERTOOK TO
CABLE OR TELEPHONE FINNISH MISSION IN GENEVA
RECOMMENDING SUPPORT OF US POSITION.
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